

and high handed acts. Rome is saying to the world—We are in the field—we are marching among them, and was there not a

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sembly refused to countenance the repeal, emphatically affirmed the law of incest to now stand; yet they recommended that Mr. Queen, the deposed clergyman alluded to, be restored to his standing, and that other men have heretofore done the same thing, be not disturbed, but if any do it hereafter, they incur the penalty. The Assembly claim no power of dispensation, like that which the pope of Rome profitably exercises. Yet incest, the viol-

of the express law of God, goes unpunished. As to the spirit of the Assembly, it was **erally kind and courteous**. There was but **striking instance of the contrary**, and that in the case of a minister, who, having deserted the New School for the Old, took occasion to **his former associates in very much the spirit** which he **formerly abused his present friends** in the **in the grain of some men, and to which school they belong, they will be abusive**. If you could see in all the doings of the body **the ecclesiastical spirit was stronger than the spirit of religion ; and this is the curse of all large** **ecclesiastical courts with extensive judicial legislative powers**. C. E.

For the Boston Recorder.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK IN BOSTON.

MEMBER EDITORS:—The meetings at which we present were not only unusually full, more strictly religious in their spirit than is the case. It would be natural enough to suppose, inasmuch as the past year had not been a year of revivals of religion, that these anniversaries would be less spiritual and heart-stirring than they have been on some occasions, when preceded by a year's right hand of God in the salvation of multitudes. But so far as my observation is worth anything, I am free to say, that seasons of revivals have not been preceded, rather than followed, by humbling, and therefore heart-stirring and healthful meetings.

Let any Christian, let any church

look at their own experience, and when have been most constrained to feel that God was a *all*, and themselves nothing? Has this been feeling after God has opened the windows of heaven and poured out a blessing till there seem not room enough to receive it? or has it been feeling when bringing all their tithes into the storehouse, and proving God therewith, to *so* he would not pour out a blessing? Mal. 3. That christians should be *and might* be humble and spiritual, and most sensible of *weakness*, when God appears in his glory, and does in building up Zion, there can be no *and* it would be so if they had fully the spirit of Christ. But till then, they will be in danger of being lifted up, and of giving themselves a

credit for their zeal and success. So that a new
of revival, a year of revivals, may be fol-
lowed with less humility, with less of that sacrifice
broken heart and contrite spirit, which God
does not despise, than preceded it. In view of
success which would attend God's ancient peo-
ple in taking possession of the promised land,
the great abundance of good things which
would find in readiness for them, God forewarns
danger. Hence he says:—*When thou shalt
revel and be full, then beware lest thou forget
Lad, which brought thee forth out of the land
Egypt, from the house of bondage.* Deut. 6: 10
Christians need pity enough not only to be
up to take hold on God, in "a time of extremity
which is God's opportunity," but they need not

enough to enable them to keep hold on God, and he "has heard their prayers and seen their tears." Till this is the case, it will not be strange if the public gatherings of God's people should be of a serious, more spiritual, more full of unction character, above, when preceded by a year distinguished by the unfrequency, rather than the frequency of revivals.

The morning prayer meetings of one kind or another, which were held in Park street Vestry, during these precious seasons, and undoubtedly had no small influence in diffusing a hallowed spirit through the various religious anniversaries held in the street and Mount Vernon churches during the week. It was very pleasant to hear the voice of Dr. Beecher, of Cincinnati, in these morning prayer

meetings. He has always been considered quick to stand in his lot; and certainly he seemed more willing than on these occasions which I am speaking. It is sometimes the case that great men, so called, are found on hand where else except at the prayer meeting. According to my dictionary, no man is a great one *he* *leaves* the prayer meeting, and will *it* *is* *not* *as* *great* *an* *effort* *to* *be* *at* *the* *prayer* *meeting* *as* *at* *the* *preaching*, or even the speech-making meeting.

I might speak of what seemed to me an elevation of piety, not only in Dr. B. but in others who took a leading part in these morning meetings. It may not be expedient. For I have long been satisfied, that there is too great a lack of vital association between the

part of many Christians, not to be offended, if I single out one and another, who, having been dissatisfied with their low attainments in piety are beginning to feel that there is a fulness in Christ, and there are privileges promised to Christians of which they have not availed themselves. How many have occasion to say as Dr. A. Mason Good, author of the "Book of Nature," on his dying bed: "I have taken what unduly and ungenerally the generosity of Christians too has given me. I have taken the middle walk of Christianity, and have endeavored to live up to its duties and doctrines, but I have lived below its privileges." And strange as it may seem, probably many Christians have yet to learn that the Christian religion has *privileges*, as well as duties, and duties

And this is the grand characteristic of the christian religion. Other religions have duties and doctrines, but not privileges. And this is the grand feature in the christian religion which cannot be counterfeited. Duties and doctrines can be counterfeited or imitated. Men can speak with tongues and understand prophecies, and remove mountains, and give their goods to feed the poor, and mount up to bodies to be burned, without religion, or with an ordinary degree of it. But they cannot have that which passeth knowledge, nor joy that a stranger cannot intermeddle not with; they cannot be conformed to the world, and constrained by the love of Christ, and filled with all the fullness of God, without religion, nor without so much religion as will bring them up to its privileges. This grace is not

world, this constraining love of Christ, this presence as a river, is the privilege of the Christian, and of nobody else. And when the Christian shall avail himself of this privilege, by laying aside every weight and sin, and running the race set before him, *looking unto Jesus*, and casting all his care upon him, treading the world under his feet, and keeping heaven in view, as did James Brainerd Taylor, like him he will have "a heaven to go home in."

There were other things I designed to say concerning these anniversaries, but I must either let them remain unsaid, or say them at another time.

CHAS. H. COOPER.

STEALING EDITORIALS.—Some of our exchanges

papers are quite in the habit of *stealing* our
 torials. Articles even of a half column's length
 taken without credit, and shorter editorials to
 number of four or five have been copied into
 single paper in the same way. This species
 shallow brained thieving is confined to a *cer-*
tain set of papers, and we must ask them to turn to
 paths of honesty, or run the risk of having their
 names called.

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5. The most important of the apostle's "Ye are not with a price your bodies God's." As one died for that he die forth live, but to him them." T admirably

We are in "a perfect jumble," and have no general rules of practice, but are fast

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